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Boden is player of the year



Ken Boden in action

Ken Boden, the 28-year-old English striker of Newcastle KB United, is the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" Player of the Year.

He wins a return trip for two to Europe, flying Yugoslav Airlines.

Boden also finished the season as the league's joint top scorer. He and Clive Eaton of Western Suburbs scored 14 goals each.

Boden was given a rating of nine out of 10 for his performance in Newcastle's 1-0 victory over Marconi at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

That brought his average to 7.8 over the 24 matches in which he has played.

Runner-up was Brisbane City centre back Steve Perry who finished with an average of 7.6.

Third with 7.7 was West

Adelaide Hellas mid-fielder Neil McGachey.

Both Perry and McGachey were given eight-point ratings for their performances in the last round.

Ken Boden, who works as a car salesman for Bill Knibbs Motor Market in Newcastle, came to Australia early this year.

Born in Rotherham, he played for Sheffield United, Matlock Town, Scunthorpe, Bridlington, Brig Town, Hull City and Doncaster Rovers in England.

From 1965 to 1977 he scored an average of 15 goals a season.

He was voted Player of the Year at Matlock Town and Bridlington, with whom he won the Yorkshire League Cup.

Although Bobby Charlton was the major attraction at the Newcastle v Marconi game last Saturday, it was Boden who proved the most dangerous man on the field.

Writing about the match, "Soccer Action's" Joe Lanzoni says: "Boden, who must be the PSL 'find' of the season, gave a masterly display by time and again beating his man, drawing another and slipping a timely pass to an unmarked colleague.

His best effort came in the 78th minute when he broke through, beat four defenders and unleashed a powerful right-foot drive from the edge of the penalty area, only to see it rebound off the upright".

Boden is also in the running for the Australian Soccer Press Association Player of the Year award.

Significantly, this award was won last year by Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who, like Boden, had earlier won the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award.

Final standings of the leaders in the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award:

1. KEN BODEN (Newcastle) — 7.8 average over 24 games. Breakdown: two 6's, seven 7's, eleven 8's, six 9's.
2. STEVE PERRY (Brisbane City) — 7.76 average over 25 games. Breakdown: three 6's, eight 7's, seven 8's, six 9's, one 10.
3. NEIL McGACHEY (West Adelaide Hellas) — 7.7 average over 26 games. Breakdown: two 6's, nine 7's, ten 8's, five 9's.
4. ZDRAVKO LUJIC (Footscray J.U.S.T.) — 7.65 average over 23 games. Breakdown: five 6's, four 7's, eight 8's, six 9's.
5. ROBERTO VIERI (Marconi) — 7.62 average over 24 games. Breakdown: three 6's, nine 7's, seven 8's, four 9's, one 10.
6. CON KAMPAS (West Adelaide Hellas) — 7.6 average over 20 games. Breakdown: three 6's, eight 7's, three 8's, six 9's.

Scorers' battle will continue

The Konstantine Jewel Box award for the top scorer in the Philips League has been extended into the Philips Cup, to break the tie between Ken Boden (Newcastle) and Clive Eaton (Western Suburbs).

Boden and Eaton finished the league series with 14 goals each.

However, counting Cup games, Eaton has 16 goals and Boden 15.

Eaton scored in the first round against Sutherland

and in the second round against St. George.

Boden scored in the second round against Sydney Croatia.

The battle of the strikers may be decided when Newcastle and Wests meet in their Cup quarter final in Newcastle on Sunday.

If they are level after that game, penalty goals will be subtracted and the award will go to the player who has scored most regular goals.

Maltese giants clash

Calling all the Maltese people of Melbourne — especially the 18,000 who live in St. Albans ...

An attraction that occurs only twice a year will be presented for them at Green Gully Reserve in St. Albans on Sunday.

It is the clash between Ajax and George Cross — the two Maltese clubs of the Victorian State League.

Officials and players of both clubs have called on all the Maltese people of St. Albans and surrounding districts to attend the big match and show that the Maltese clubs are among the strongest in Victoria.

Last time the Maltese met they won 5-0.

"Soccer Action" asked former Victorian State player Tony Vella, who has coached

both Ajax and George Cross, how he thinks the game will go this time.

"As far as George Cross is concerned, this will be their most important match of the year, because their pride was hurt badly last time," he said.

"Coach John Sanchez will really have his players revved up. They want revenge."

"However, Ajax showed their class in that big victory and are talented enough to win again — although not by as big a margin. It will be a hell of a game."

A special two-page preview appears on pages eight and nine of this issue.

And now — an honor for Adam?



• Jubilant Greek supporters carry West Adelaide defender Con Kampas from the field on their shoulders. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Former Australian has to the Philips League championship. Adam is hot favorite for the Coach of the Year award after capping a colorful career by leading West Adelaide Hel-

The Coach of the Year will be named at the Australian Soccer Press Association presentation night at the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney on October 12.

West Adelaide won seven games in a row under Adam before having its run interrupted by a loss to Brisbane Lions in Brisbane.

In the remaining eight games, West lost only once —

to league runner-up Hakoah.

Last Sunday, Adam's men clinched the title by drawing 1-1 with Adelaide City Juventus in front of more than 16,000 fans at the Olympic Sports Field.

Vic Bozanic scored the equalising goal only five minutes from the end, after John Perin had put Juventus into the lead.

Adam coached Fitzroy Alexander until the seventh round of the 1977 season, when he quit.

He has also coached Melbourne, George Cross, Croatia, Makedonia and Hakoah in the Stage League.

He had 10 years as a professional player with Aston Villa, Stoke City, Luton Town and Falkirk before coming to Australia to play for South Melbourne Hellas.

He represented Australia in 1964 and was assistant national coach in 1967. He also played four games for Victoria and was State coach in 1967.

Key men in West Adelaide's surge to the title were midfielders Neil McGachey and Peter Boyle, centre backs David Jones and Con Kampas and goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

Goalscorers: 7. Ian McGregor; 5. Graham Honeyman; 4. McGachey, Boyle, Graeme Norris, Jones, Vic Bozanic; 2. Kampas; 1. Eric Carruthers, Peter Tymczyszyn and Barry Reynolds.



Pierino Prati

Colin Bell

Superstars coming

Colin Bell, Pierino Prati and George Armstrong are reported to be joining Brisbane City.

Bell, one of the finest players Manchester City had, made 48 international appearances for England.

Prati is one of the all-time greats of AC Milan and Armstrong played about 600 games for Arsenal — more than any other player in the club's history.



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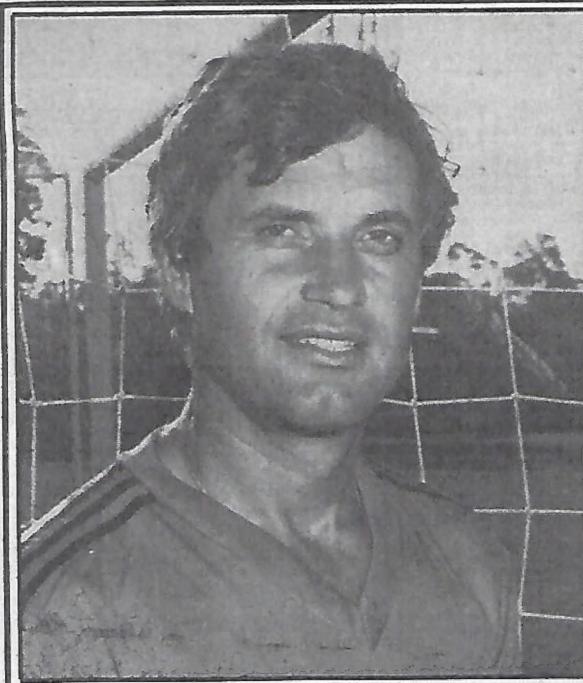
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Silva in action — tongue between teeth for concentration.



• Hilton Silva (extreme right) as one of the budding young stars of Vasco da Gama.



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HILTON SILVA MAKES BID FOR

Hilton Silva may be Brazil's loss but he is certainly Australia's gain — if Rudi Gutendorf so decides.

Soon, Gutendorf will start stocktaking the talent available to him for an assault on the 1982 World Cup and many of our professional and armchair experts are convinced that, in selecting his left winger, the new national coach has no choice at all.

The favorite of fans for the position is an olive-skinned, fleet-footed, long-haired Carioca — Adahilton da Silva of Eastern Suburbs Hakoah.

Or, to give him his Australian soccer "identity", Hilton Silva.

He is a story of ups and downs, good fortune and hard luck.

However, it is indisputable that the doyen of the Hakoah squad is playing at his peak at the age of 27 — or 29, depending on which document you believe.

And, thereby, hangs a tale which began on the beaches

of Rio, the most famous hotbed of natural soccer talent in the world.

It was in the shadow of Sugarloaf Mountain that Hilton picked up some of the basic skills which saw him become a full-time soccer player at the tender age of 14, when he joined the junior squad of Flamengo.

After two and a half years, Silva moved on to another famous Brazilian club, America, where he remained for eight months.

However, during that brief stay, he achieved what millions of Brazilian youngsters only dream about — he made his first grade debut.

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"Simple! We just claimed I was two years older than I really was, when I applied for my papers," Hilton remembered. Thus, he is listed as a 29-year-old in his passport, when in actuality he is only 27.

May the truth will prevail when he receives his Australian passport, because

By PETER SCOTT

after almost eight years in this country, Silva is applying for naturalisation this week!

But, a lot happened to change his life in the intervening years.

After a brilliant debut with Hakoah, he continued to enchant Sydney soccer fans for several months — until the dark day in June 1971, when South Coast United full-back Tuckerman broke Silva's leg with a tackle at Woonona.

"Until then, I had really enjoyed my time in Australia and I was shocked by the fact that no-one outside Hakoah seemed to be concerned with my misfortune.

"Referred Tony Boskovic didn't want to believe that I was in real trouble and as I lay on the pitch, he kept on insisting that I get up."

"As for Tuckerman, his only comment was that I am a young fellow, there's plenty of time to recover later," he said.

"Little did he realise that it would take me more than six years to get back to my best."

A fast bit of arithmetic will tell us that Silva's "best" is now — in 1978!

"This year, I am playing as well as ever — and still improving," he claimed.

Who was the greatest influence in inspiring his brilliant comeback?

Silva does not hesitate for a moment.

"It was Gerry Chidi; he made me come out of my shell, helped me a lot in training and — most important — by the way he talked to me."

"Gerry was the one who, after taking over as Hakoah's coach in July 1976, convinced me that my skills were still there, that it was up to me whether I reached my peak again."

"He also gave me confidence in his opinions by not hesitating to tell me very bluntly when I did something wrong. He analyses my game with me."

It was a rocky road to Silva's present candidacy for national honors.

"After my injury, I went home to Rio for eight months and got married to Leda, my sweetheart since I was 13," he recalls.

"In Brazil, I would have been finished as a soccer player. There, you break your leg and people let you off. Here, it's a different environment; here you snap a bone or two and three months later, they expect you back at training."

"I changed my ways here, my outlook on soccer..."

Silva has some surprising things to say when comparing soccer on and off the field Australian and Brazilian-style.

He maintains that training in Australia places much greater physical demands on

MARCONI AND

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Past results make Hakoah and Marconi the favorites in the first semi-finals of the Philips League top four series to be played in Adelaide and Melbourne on Sunday.

Hakoah meets West Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium and Marconi takes on South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.



Marconi forward Peter Sharne (left) takes on Jim Koniaris of J.U.S.T. Sharne poses a big threat to South Melbourne.

Since the start of the Philips League, Hakoah has beaten West Adelaide twice, drawn once and lost one for a goal tally of 8-6.

Marconi has beaten South Melbourne three times and drawn the other game, scoring nine goals to two.

The outstanding player for Hakoah in games against West Adelaide has been goalscoring midfielder Murray Barnes, who has played in all four matches.

Neil McGachey, the West Adelaide midfielder, has always posed the biggest threat to Hakoah.

South Melbourne's main

tormentors have been Marconi midfielder Robert Vieri, who played only in the two games this season, and forward Peter Sharne, who has played in all four games.

The most interesting aspect of the Marconi v. South Melbourne game will be the performance of Marconi striker Peter Ollerton, bought from South Melbourne for \$15,000 10 weeks ago providing coach Rale Rasic selects him.

Ollerton scored seven goals for South Melbourne before the transfer, but managed only two for Marconi up to last weekend's round.

Ollerton left South Melbourne because of clashes with coach Dave McLaren. The big striker will be confronted on Sunday by Hellas' experienced centre back Peter McLean and probably Chris Kalafatis who is likely to take the place of injured Stuart Baxter in defence.

The other decisive duel will be between Sharne and Mike Pye. Sharne has always had the measure of Pye, especially in the match Marconi won 3-0 at Middle Park early this season.

But the most important battle will be in midfield, where the Marconi combination of Robert Vieri, Jimmy Rooney or Mark Janikowicz or Domingo Ielamo appears stronger than any trio Hellas may field.

That trio is likely to be Bertie Lutton, Sammy Wright and Billy Rogers.

Although Ivo Prskalo has

Vieri, Barnes, the stars

Best performers in previous clashes (average ratings over games played):

STH. MELB. HELLAS v MARCONI: Hellas: 7. Reillyn (3 games), Lutton (2 games); 6.5 Hagemoni (4 games); 6.5 Kalafatis (4 games).

MARCONI: 9. Vieri (2 games); 8. Sharne (4

games); 7.5 Prskalo (4 games); 7.5 Rooney (4 games); 7.25 Maher (4 games); 7. Russell (4 games).

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HAKOAH: 8.5 Barnes (4 games); 7.3 Thomson (3 games); 7.25 Watson (4 games); 7. O'Connor (3 games); Stevenson (4 games); T. Smith (3 games).

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THE GREEN AND AND GOLD

Naturalisation puts him in line for Gutendorf's squad

players than in the "old country."

"We do much more running here and, luckily, running is something I have always enjoyed."

"By contrast, Brazilian soccer players train for longer hours but, at least in my days back in Rio, most of it was long-distance running, with hardly any hard running."

"From what we saw of the World Cup on television, I suppose, all that is changing now."

So, Hilton Silva returned to Hakoah, ready to resume where he left off before his injury, but he had not foreseen the hard road ahead of him.

David Macaren, who took over coaching from **Charlie Fleming** ("a great guy, good coach who always encouraged me, but I never understood a word he was saying"), hit their "Scottish accent," did not perceive the same potential in Hilton as did Hakoah's officials.

"I don't think David liked the Brazilian style of play, he preferred the Scottish way," Silva says.

"For several seasons, I was

playing most of my football in the reserves and I know he tried to sell both Agenor Muniz and me."

In fairness, Silva pointed out that Macaren never saw him at his best, before breaking his leg.

"Everybody kept telling David how terrific I was but he only saw a player trying to come back from a bad injury."

However, Silva carries another thorn from the Macaren era at Hakoah.

"To play well, a footballer must trust his coach, feel some mutual care, and be able to enjoy the companionship."

"Under David, there were problems, with a split between the Scots in the team on one side and the rest on the other."

"This does not exist any more. Now, we are one good, happy crowd and Gerry Chaldi must take the credit for this."

Silva claimed that the Israel's image as a gentle, quiet man is misleading.

"Gerry just looks gentle, but in reality he is very, very

hard and a firm disciplinarian. "However, he doesn't call you names, shows respect to all his players and is, in turn, trusted by them."

"Gerry, all of us do whatever is asked of us."

Silva, in his own mind, is convinced that in Brazil, he would have become established first division player, but acknowledges that superstar status was not within his reach.

"This influenced me in making my home in Sydney. Here, I am not just one of the thousands of players running around the country."

"There is also a hard material logic behind my decision to stay here."

"While soccer is king in Brazil, at my peak back there, I would not have been able to achieve a standard of living for my family comparable with what I have here."

"The problem in introducing full-time professionalism in Australia. You do too well with part-time soccer earnings, and the salary from your outside job, are combined."

As for the club which made

this material prosperity and contentment possible, Silva is adamant that "Hakoah is the best club in Australia to play for."

"This applies to the club in every respect, not just the money they pay the players," he says.

"Hakoah has always been a big family, and whenever we have any problems — and I have had a few over the years — there was always someone in the club — whether the late Tibor Kaiman, Andrew Lederman, officials or fans — to help me."

With the current season drawing to a close, Hilton Silva, wife Leda, and their daughter Cassandra are looking forward to a visit to their families in Brazil during the off-season.

"It's a hard material logic behind my decision to stay here," he says.

"To play for his country one day is the goal of every footballer, and I'm no different in this respect."

"It's the only thing I haven't achieved yet in my playing career."

So, as Hilton, Leda, and Cassandra sun themselves on the smooth golden sand of Copacabana during the summer months, the likeable and

immensely skilful winger — one of the true gentlemen of Aussie soccer — may be forgiven for thinking of what might have been.

Instead of the gold shirt of Brazil, which he dreamt of with all the other little boys of Rio, he may end up wearing the gold shirt of Australia.

If you are tempted to believe that there is a certain tinge of regret in his daydreaming, next time you see Hilton Silva, ask him.

He'll soon set you straight!



Silva (left) and his coach Gerry Chaldi, who helped the Brazilian wizard come back after a broken leg.



• The first days in Australia . . . Hakoah's batch of Brazilian imports (from right) Silva, George Rianelli (later with Prague), Lucio Lopes (who is still playing in Whyalla, South Australia), Agenor Muniz (now with Adelaide City) and goalie Edson Cardoso, who was injured soon after arrival and dropped out of soccer.

HAKOAH TOPS — SO FAR

How it works

The winner of the West Adelaide Hellas v Hakoah-Easts match will qualify for the Philips League final.

The loser will play the winner of the South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi match for the other place in the final.

The loser of the South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi game will be eliminated.

The next round of the finals is on September 10. Venues will be chosen according to which teams take part.



Marconi's Jimmy Rooney (left) and South Melbourne's Mike Pye — they'll clash on Sunday.

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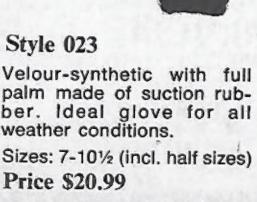
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Former national captain John Warren

ACT 'starlets' go into camp

Forty five of the best young players in the ACT registered for Canberra City's first professional coaching school last week.

The school, run along similar lines to those Pele Basic and I organised nationally, is the first of many planned by City in the future.

The current week-long camp is the forerunner to a summer school, one at Christmas and one at the beginning of the 1979 season.

Aussie international defender Tony Fernandez and local international prospect Jonny Davies.

Guest appearances will be made by Canberra City players, including schoolboy internationals Danny Moulis and Milivojanovic, who have both recently returned from touring the United States with the Australian schoolboys team.

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The mood in Canberra is much brighter and enthusiastic following the opening of the club's new premises in East Row, Civic last week by the club's patron, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

The new club is three times bigger than previous rooms, ideal for much bigger tournaments.

The club's ten solar machines will be supplemented by another ten due to arrive early in October.

Club officials estimate that the club will be self-supportive within the next six months.

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The season is far from over for City with an active program for the team and its youth sides.

By that time City will be back to full strength — Moulis and Milivojanovic back from the United States, Brown's arm out of plaster, Salgado out of hospital and Davies fully recovered from his back injury.

On September 10, City meets leading ACT State League side Crocata Dockside, on September 17, Newcastle KB and City play for the Prime Ministers Cup at Bruce, and on the 24th, City meets Fitzroy in the quarter-finals of the PSL Cup — also at Bruce Stadium.

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City vice president, Charles Perkins, currently on a world tour for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, spent several days with City's guest star and current Motherwell forward Peter Marinello.

Marinello is unhappy with Motherwell and has been placed on the transfer list at the request of the club.

Motherwell reportedly refused £80,000 from Celtic for Marinello and even though he would love to return to City for next year it appears as though at that price he is well beyond City's reach — or any other PSL club for that matter.

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'BEST SOCCER IN ADELAIDE': ADAM

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

West Adelaide Hellas grabbed the 1978 Philips Soccer League title when they drew 1-1 with Adelaide City Juventus in a tense, heart stopping clash at Hindmarsh Stadium.

An Adelaide record PSL attendance of 16,251 saw Vic Bozanic produce an explosive 85th minute deft left foot flick which wiped out John Perlin's brilliant 53rd minute free kick.

Hellas coach Jim Adam was ecstatic after the game after he had seen his team fight back from the brink of defeat.

"It was a new harsh words to say about 'Australian' soccer journalist Stephen Blatchford who described West Adelaide the day before the match as "such a dull team".

"It was a senseless statement to make and it was just the motivation the boys needed," Adam said.

"We proved today that the best soccer is played in Adelaide and the better team we have played all year is Adelaide City."

"It is a mystery why they haven't done better."

Indeed Adelaide City played splendidly and they were brimming

JUVE!

Juventus (Vic) stormed home to beat Brighton 4-1 in the final of the Pizza Cup last weekend.

Five under 14 teams Juventus, Brighton, Keyworth, Seaford and Springvale competed for the cup, playing a round robin with the top two teams qualifying for the final.

The games were 20 minutes each way, and the two finalists ended up playing five games (200 minutes of soccer). Not a bad effort for a day's work!

Juventus beat Brighton 1-0 in the round robin, but aided by the draw (which gave Juventus a break before the final, while Brighton had to take the field almost immediately after finishing the team's last game) the Juve boys were too strong, running out 4-1 winners.

Top goalscorers were Coismo Oliva (Brighton) with Seven, and Nigel Yates (Brighton) on five.

It was the first time Marshall had beaten him and he looked every inch a class keeper.

John Nykusch could have seen the game up two minutes later, but his powerful ground shot flew

over the bar.

After eight minutes of the second half, Perlin scored one of the most outstanding goals of the year.

John Beirn touched a free kick 25 metres from goal, and Perlin struck it with awesome ferocity.

Crook dived valiantly but it would have beaten any goalkeeper.

Juventus reduced Hellas to a ragged, disillusioned team for a while, but West Adelaide bounded back in the fashion that has marked their remarkable drive to the top of the league.

Bozanic instantly grabbed an equaliser with 10 minutes to go when he beat Juventus keeper, Peter Marshall, to a cross, but his header fell only inches wide of the post.

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St. George miss plenty

By ALEX VESIC

St George outplayed Wests in all departments for most of the game to score a narrow win at Barton Park, before a small crowd of only 1025.

The score does not reflect the true superiority of the home team. With the exception of the first 25 minutes, Wests never seriously threatened Martin Cole's goal, while St George forwards missed chances galore.

St George took time to assert its superiority, which allowed Wests to create a few opportunities during the first half hour. Clive Eaton twice had the ball in the area, but it fell short of Cole, and Clive Eaton raced in to head the ball over the goalkeeper's head, but past the left upright.

Nine minutes later, St George raced into the lead with a well-taken goal by Doug Uješevic.

In the seventh minute, Michael O'Shea, the St George full back, attempted to pass to his right to his goalkeeper. O'Shea lobbed the ball into the area, but it fell short of Cole, and Clive Eaton raced in to head the ball over the goalkeeper's head, but past the left upright.

Only a minute later, Verstyn had a great scoring opportunity when he found himself with the ball at his feet in space, but he shot straight at Ralph Coates, with the ball rebounding over the line for a corner.



St. George 1 West Sub. 0

The last chance that fell to Western Suburbs came to the luckless Clive Eaton. He managed to go past Emery Holmik on the edge of St George's penalty area, but faced by Cole and an open goal, shot cast the upright.

In the 23rd minute Clive Eaton had his second chance to score.

Andy Scott managed to beat a defender and send a good cross to Eaton. But the bearded striker failed to control the ball, which ran to Vernon some seven metres from goal. He hesitated then set a weak shot which didn't trouble Cole.

In the last minute of the first half, St George could have added two more goals to its tally.

After a corner by O'Connor, Utjesenovic and Neville Morgan should not make up their minds who should head the ball into the net, leaving it for Wests' defence to push the ball away for another corner.

O'Connor found Morgan with

this corner kick, and the tall striker headed the ball into the top left hand corner of Eaton's goal. It looked a goal all the way, but out of nowhere O'Donnell raced in to head the ball away.

St George continued to attack in the second half, tearing Wests to shreds, but despite numerous good scoring chances that fell to its front row.

After a good lob from the left, Nev Morgan should have scored. Faced with Terry Eaton, Morgan took too long to control the ball, then crossed for Neville Morgan to head the post, from only five metres out.

Only two minutes later, Terry Eaton showed his class by keeping the ball out of the net with two great saves. A cross by Morgan found O'Connor at the far post. A header by O'Connor from point blank range brilliantly saved by Sorenson, who palmed the ball away from the line.

The ball bounced to John O'Shea, who laid it for Hensman to hit a 16 metre drive, but Eaton was again there to fingerlip the ball away for a corner.

Hensman had another opportunity in the 75th minute after a great lob from O'Connor, but his shot from close range was saved by Terry Eaton.

The game finished on a sour note for Wests who had two players booked.

David Harding was booked for a foul on John O'Shea in the 80th minute, while Soccerco captain Peter Wilson earned the yellow card for dissent in the 85th minute.

If all the good scoring chances had been put away, the score could have been a staggering 7-3 in favour of St. George.

As it happened 1-0 proved enough to show that the better team had won.

For the winners, Ralph Coates proved the master again, while Utjesenovic, with his confidence restored, once again the inspiration for the youngsters at the back.

With Gross and Harris missing from the back, Doug played himself into the turf to inspire confidence into the back line.

Nev Morgan, Hensman and O'Connor must think themselves very lucky to have scored a few more, but played well enough to create chances.

Terry Eaton and Peter Stone were the only bright spots in the Wests line up while Clive Eaton has only himself to blame for not



Adel. Juve 1. WA Hellas 1

around the far post with Crook beaten.

Bonian came close again with a long shot, but it went over the bar. However two minutes later his moment came.

Peter Boyle pushed a ball in his path, Bonanic beat off two defenders and the tall Hellas came in from the line to flick it into the open goal for a superb equaliser.

Bozanic was mobbed by his team mates and he could not hide his jubilation realising that it was the most important goal he has

scored in his brief but illuminating career.

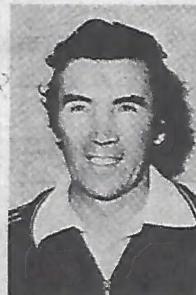
No one was satisfied with only getting the draw, Bonanic had a 30-metre thunderbolt a minute later which brought out the very best from Marshall, who diverted it for a corner.

When referee Peter Ramplay blew his whistle two minutes in injury time, the stadium roared with noise which had never been heard before at a South Australian soccer match.

West captain Neil McGachey got the only card of the match for a harmless looking tackle on Deans.

McGachey is perilously close to 12 points, which would mean suspension and could miss next week's top four match against Eastern Suburbs.

Meanwhile McGregor had to come off at half time and was nursing a swollen shoulder after the match.



Jim Adam

Canberra back to 1977 position

By PETER WINDSOR

The 1978 League season is over. South Melbourne-Hellas finished it on the high note of victory — Canberra City in the doldrums of defeat.



The first came in the 15th minute when a Stoddart header had goal written all over it, but somehow Hansen got across to tip it around the post.

In the 26th minute when Heywood's shot looked destined for the corner of the net, Hansen tipped it in for a corner and within 60 seconds had pulled off another incredible reaction save to stop Terry Barnes' header from the corner kick.

South Melbourne, too, went close. Defender Chris Kalafatis struck a ball beautifully, but it took a deflection and tapped City's crossbar, with Tilled standing still and beaten.

But the real pressure was coming from Canberra, and one anticipated the equaliser would come eventually.

Just five minutes after the interval, Stoddart's shot from 20 metres looked like it might be the one, but again Hansen with a cat-like leap saved the day.

Eight minutes later Hellas wrapped up the game. A quick break and City's defence was caught badly out of position.

Only teenager Stephen Hogg was positioned to cover, and he made a valiant bid to do so. However his header and a brilliant performance by Billy Bergman allowed the ball to bounce to Cummings.

Again Hogg tackled, but Cummings still got a shot, which easily beat the advancing Tilled.

With Canberra's forwards wasting opportunities, only a supreme optimist would have thought victory possible.

South Melbourne knew they had the game won.

Duncan Cummings gave his side their third and final goal in the 75th minute.

In defeat Canberra ended up as the worst in the Philips League's annual year — second from the bottom.

Now they have but two chances to make amends — against Fitzroy in the Philips Cup on September 24, and against Newcastle in the Prime Minister's Cup on September 24, and against New Castle in the Philips Cup on September 24.

As Johnny Warren reported in "Soccer Action" last week this is a short end-of-season tournament organised by City's Board of Directors which it is hoped will become an annual affair.

The Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Fraser is expected to present the trophy.

Yanks chase Roos

American clubs are interested in six members of the Australian schoolboys squad that returned from its tour at the weekend.

However, coach Bobby McEachern would not let them. "I'm going to take the players and their clubs whether they want to make any negotiations," he said.

The schoolboys were undefeated in their four matches, results of which are:

Colombia 1-1, scorer Raskopoulos; Washington State 9-1, scorers Moulis 3, Raskopoulos 2, Krieger 2, Hunter 2; v California 3-4, scorers Moulis 2, Hunter 1; Hunter, v U.S.A. Youth 2-1 (abandoned), scorer Christopoulos 2.

The game against U.S.A. Youth was abandoned, with the two coaches agreeing to take the boys from the field to avoid further trouble caused by bad refereeing decisions.

Just before the abandonment, a USA player pulled a muscle off for knocking out Eddie Krieger.

The NASL club that showed most interest in the Australian players is Seattle Sounders.

Southwark's John Gabriel (ex-England) sent his assistant to San Francisco to watch the Australians play there.



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IN ADELAIDE

Semi final: West Adelaide Hellas v Hakoah-Easts at Hindmarsh Stadium, 3 pm Sunday.

IN NEWCASTLE

Philips Cup quarter final: Newcastle KB Utd v Western Suburbs, International Sports Centre, 3 pm Sunday.

Masson moves

LONDON. Scottish midfielder Don Masson has returned to Notts County, where he played from 1968 to 1975.

Notts manager Jimmy Strel signed Masson for 30,000 sterling (\$50,000 Aust dollars).

Masson, 21, had come full circle after leaving Notts County for Queens Park Rangers in 1974, and moving on to Derby County last year.

Previously he had played for Middlesbrough.

STANDINGS

	HOME	AWAY											
	W	D	L	F	A	G	P						
W. ADEL. HELLAS	9	1	3	24	14	7	3	3	18	13	42	27	36
HAKOAH-EASTS	7	2	3	27	10	8	3	3	26	17	49	27	35
S. HELB. HELLAS	7	3	3	26	12	5	5	3	19	18	45	30	32
MARCONI	8	3	2	30	14	4	3	6	16	17	46	31	30

Fitzroy Alexander	5	3	5	17	15	4	5	4	22	24	39	33	26
Briarake Lions	4	6	3	16	15	4	4	5	21	24	37	39	26
St. George	7	1	5	20	17	4	2	7	21	23	41	40	25
Sydney Olympic	3	3	8	17	25	6	4	2	18	17	35	43	25
Western Suburbs	6	4	3	25	18	3	2	8	16	27	41	45	24
Adel. Juniors	5	2	4	18	12	4	4	7	20	32	38	44	24
Newcastle KB	3	6	4	19	20	3	4	6	14	20	33	40	22
Footscray JUST	2	3	8	17	21	5	5	3	12	16	29	37	22
Canberra City	2	8	3	19	20	3	2	8	9	21	26	41	20
Brisbane City	4	2	7	15	22	3	1	9	14	27	29	49	17

Philips League team of week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team —

MARSHALL (2) (Ad Juve)	LISTER (2) (Ad Juve)	RATCLIFFE (1) (Bris City)	MOWBRAY (3) (ES Hak)
UTJESEROVIC (3) (St Geo)	RISTIC (1) (JUST)	MUNIZ (2) (Ad Juve)	BOZANIC (1) (WA Hellas)
WATSON (4) (ES Hak)		BODEN (7) (Newc)	LUJIC (9) (JUST)

Standings for the Konstantine Jewel Box top scorer's award (full list published next week):

14. Boden (Newc) & C. Eaton (West Sub.) tied.

12. J. Campbell (Alex.)

11. O'Connor (St. Geo.), Vieri (Marc.), Cole (Alex.)

10. Cumming (SM-Hellas.)

9. Fisher (West Sub.), Jankovic, Ollerton (Marc.), Grujicic, T. Byrne (Can.), Hughes (Lions.)

8. E. Campbell, Silva (Hak.).

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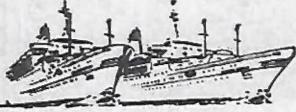
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Rating by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA: Tilseed 6; Hogg 8, Starke 7, Henderson 7, Kawaleva 8; Stoddart 9, Davies 6 (Lustica 70th), Cant 6; Gruljic 7, Heywood 7, Byrne 6.

STH MELB: Hansen 9; Pye 7, Munro 7, Kalafatidis 7, Hagegmanouli 7; Sutton 7, Wright 7, Rogers 8; Cummings 8, Evans 8, Bergmann 7.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Bozanic) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTOUS 1 (Perin) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 16,251.

Players ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

HELLAS: Crook 8, Reynolds 7, Bozanic 9, McGachey 8, Kampas 8, Jones 8, Boyle 8, Pillans 8, Norris 7, Honeyman 7, McGregor 8 (Tymczyszyn 8).

JUVENTUS: Marshall 9, B. Nykohus 8, Yung 7, Besir 8, Tansey 8, Selemidis 6, Taylor 7, Campbell 7; Bozikas 5, Cole 7, Buljevic 5 (Micevci 70th).

J.U.S.T.: Boland 7; Hazebeit 8, Kondaritis 7, Kriaris 7, Kaz 8; Ristic 9, Rujevic 7, Pliciano 7, Ilicic 7; Ristovski 6 (Nicolades 75th), Lujic 9.

HAKOAH 2 (Smith, Barnes), OLYMPIC 0 at Wentworth Park, Sydney. Crowd 3530.

Rating by Peter Scott.

HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mulien 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 8, Mowbray 8, Stevenson 8, Soussis 7, Barnes 8, Watson 8, Smith 7, Silvia 7.

OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Palmer 6, Bell 8, Wilson 7, Luckett 6, Cross 7, Jamieson 7, G. Allan 6, Laing 7, McIntosh 7, Ainslie 7 (D. Allan 78th min.).

ST GEORGE 1 (Utejescovic) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at Barton Park, Sydney. Crowd 1025.

Rating by Alex Vesic.

ST GEORGE: Cee 7, Utjescovic 9, Terry 7, Holmik 7, M. O'Shea 7, Coates 8, J. O'Shea 8, Barton 7, Morgan 7, O'Connor 7, Hensman 7.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Terry Eaton 8, Skellern 6, Wilson 6, Turnbull 7, Rowden 6, Stone 8, Harding 6, O'Donnell 7, Eaton 6, Vernon 6, Scott 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 1 (Endacott) MARCONI 0 at International Sports Field, Newcastle. Crowd. 16,614.

Rating by Joe Lanzone.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 6, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Curran 7, Mason 7, Charlton 8, Endacott 8, Tredennick 7, Boden 9, Galpin 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 7, Russell 7, Prskalo 7, Degney 8, Salvage 6, Rooney 8, Vieri 8, Berry 7, Ollerton 7, Mariani 7.

BRISBANE CITY: 2 (Caldwell, Kelso) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Hines 7, McMillan 8, Boyle 7, Waddell 7).

LIONS: Lowndes 6, Potter 6, Hermiston 6, Wilson 8, Niven 7, Neale 6, Amos 8, Haines 6, Lazari 5 (Spratt 45th, 6), Fairbrother 6, Ontong 5.

CITY — Whiart 7, Raltsmill 6, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 8, Kibbey 7, Coyne 7, Giffney 6, Echeverria 6, Conner 6, Kelso 8, Caldwell 8.

Leading averages after final round (full list next week):

7.6 Boden (Newc)

7.76 Perry (Br. C.)

7.7 McGachey (W.A-Hellas)

7.85 Lujic (J.U.S.T.)

7.62 Vieri (Marc.)

7.6 Kampas (WA-Hellas)

7.5 Boyle (WA-Hellas), Rooney (Marc), Henderson (Can.)

7.4 Jones (WA-Hellas), Summerscales (Newc), Starke (Can.)

7.3 J. Nykohus, B. Nykohus, Northcote (Adel Juve), Mullen (Hak), Prskalo, Degney, Sharpe (Marc), Lutton (SM-Hellas), O'Connor (St G), Hermiston (Br. Lions),

7.2 Wilson (West Sub), Crook (WA-Hellas), Baxter (SM-Hellas), Meier (Oly), Kondaritis (JUST), Tilseed (Can), Buljevic (Alex.)

7.1 Stone (West Sub), Ainslie (Oly), Clarke, Barnes (Hak), Curran (Newc), Tansey (Alex), Rujevic (JUST), T. Byrne (Can), Lowndes (Br. Lions).

Let's have justice, says Hakoah

By PETER SCOTT

"We want a fair go!" is the cry around the Hakoah camp following surrender of the Philips League championship title to West Adelaide Hellas last weekend.

Last year's champions are liked by what seems to be a policy of the league management, virtually exiling them from home surroundings for the remaining Top Four play-offs and Philips Cup matches.

Although it seems too late to change the venue of Sunday's semi-final against champions West Adelaide away from the South Australian capital, it did not stop Hakoah coach Gerry Chalid from being harshly critical of the task being set for his team.

He also issued a strong demand for the match to be played at Olympic Field, rather than West Adelaide's home surroundings.

"This is the least the PSL can do for us," Chalid said, after expressing his disappointment that the fairness and credibility of the new competition wasn't preserved by drawing lots for home advantage in the two semi-final matches.

"Why should Hakoah and Marconi automatically be handicapped by the league?" he asked.



Olympic 0. Hakoah 1

Chalid was also irate about Hakoah having to play its next Philips Cup match, against Brisbane City, in Brisbane.

"There can be absolutely no justification for scheduling this match in Brisbane," he claimed.

"City are the bottom team in the league and are drawing the second smallest home crowds in the league."

"It is also true that in the second round of the Cup that we have to travel to Brisbane, while none of their teams had to play outside Brisbane to date."

"Why was the previous practice of drawing lots for the home advantage discontinued on this occasion?" he demanded to know.

Chalid's comments were supported by Hakoah president Frank Lowy, who said his club will "insist that our supporters be given opportunities to see the team at home again this season".

To put the Hakoah coach's comments into their proper perspective, it must be pointed out they were made before last

weekend's matches which saw the Blues record an easy 2-0 win over Sydney Olympic, and their rivals in West Adelaide struck the same result.

With the Adelaide score became known in Wentworth Park, Gerry Chalid — although visibly distressed — paid generous tribute to his rival Jim Adam.

"I can only congratulate Jim for an excellent job with a team which is at the top as a result of pure, 100 per cent effort."

"Jim is one of the best coaches in the game and deserves all the praise now coming his way," Chalid said.

Little did Hakoah's players, officials, fans and well-wishers realise during the Olympic game that they came within four minutes of retaining the title won last year.

In the first half Olympic's Alan Anselle went close to giving his side a shock lead with one of his left foot "specials" and Ian Soutar responded with a speculative 20 metre drive.

After the half-time break Hakoah still failed to get into its stride and Chalid resorted to repeating a little ritual which has become commonplace in recent weeks.

First, big Mark Trenter was ordered off the substitutes' bench and told to start warming up.

Almost immediately Terry Smith, who had hardly caused a ruckus until then, sprang to life and headed in a cross from Joe Watson.

Trenter resumed his seat on the bench and Hakoah led 1-0.

Sighingly, the 61st minute goal came only minutes after Hakoah started to fully utilise its two devastating wingers, Watson and Hilton Silva.

When Murray Barnes chested down a pass from Mullen ten minutes later, took a couple of steps and, undisturbed by the napping defence, calmly lodged it in the back of Gary Meier's net, he only confirmed Hakoah's year-long superiority over Olympic.

In three league and cup fixtures Hakoah scored 11 goals against former co-tenants at Wentworth Park — with none in return.

That just about sums up the story of this final encounter, too. All that remained was for the Hakoah coach to praise his squad for their tremendous home run in the second half of the championship.

Chalid summed Hakoah is playing the best football in the PSL — bar none.

Unfortunately, they paid the penalty for an indifferent start to the season.

The penalty is, incidentally, worth \$5000 — the bonus Hakoah's players were offered had they retained the title.

However, this bonus has been awarded had their opponents, Souness and Trenter, arrived a few weeks earlier. If prolific scorer Terry Smith hadn't had to spend two-thirds of the season trying to regain fitness from a series of ankle injuries — and West Adelaide Hellas, a team made up mostly of players with what was thought to be limited potential, hadn't surprised all the doubters — this writer included.

In the final reckoning the new champions surprised us all with an unexpected amount of steely determination and are worthy champions for 1978.

Charlton's advice

"Bring more individualism back into the game and concentrate on giving skill to the youngsters."

That was the message from the great Bobby Charlton as he arrived from England last week to play guest games with Newcastle KB United.

"The recent World Cup in Argentina clearly demonstrated that is the time to grow individual brilliance in our players."

"It is important for our team, however far as it can go with method and must now turn to skillful individualism again," he said.

"Coaches throughout the world must spread this teaching to the kids and concentrate on skills and make the youngsters enjoy their football once again."

"At the moment too much emphasis is placed on team drills and method and the kids are not enjoying it."

Newcastle wins for big crowd

By Joe Lanzoni

Newcastle KB United ended their initial year in the Philips League competition in a blaze of glory.

The guest appearance of former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton, coupled with the arrival of the "Big Rule" Marconi team helped to attract a magnificent crowd of 16,000 people who were treated to a great spectacle.

For the people that expressly came to see Charlton they certainly were not disappointed. He brought a roar from the crowd even before he touched the ball and managed to anticipate moves and glide in for timely interceptions that was not diminished over the years.

He also showed that he had lost none of his shooting power when in the 88th minute he beat a deflection and from 25 metres hit the upright with a great right foot shot that would have had the crowd in a frenzy had it gone in.

But for all of Charlton's brilliance it was Ken Boden who once again proved the most difficult player to contain.

Boden, who must be the PSL find of the season, gave a masterly display, by line and again beating his man drawing another and scoring a timely pass to an unmarked colleague.

This best effort came in the 78th minute when he broke through, beat four defenders and unleashed a powerful right foot drive from the edge of the penalty area only to see it rebound off the upright.

Marconi, forced to take the field without Peter Sharne and Mark Jankovic, had plenty of the game but invariably failed to capitalise on good work up the wing by over elaborate play in the penalty area and allowed the eager Newcastle defence to scramble away several difficult situations.

With the semi-finals coming up, Marconi, desperately needing a brilliant show of Sharne in the forward line, to take advantage of the many good moves initiated by Jim Rooney and Roberto Vieri.

Vieri, in the game against Newcastle United last week, gave a great display of creative midfield



Newcastle 1 Marconi 0

play. Although his defensive work sometimes is criticised, he certainly makes up for it with his creativity and ability to initiate the majority of Marconi's attacking moves.

The game opened evenly with both sides showing off top class respectability and the only incident of note was a disallowed goal by Bill Summerscales for an alleged infringement on Alan Maher.

The second half however saw Newcastle United going into attack from the start, which forced the Marconi defence to concede several corners.

It was from the seventh corner in the 56th minute that Newcastle United scored what proved to be the winning goal.

Peter Tredennick's corner kick from the left was headed to the goal. He cleared the ball and pivoted to give Alan Maher no chance for a great goal.

Endocott, who had a very ordinary first half, was inspired in the second half and possibly played his best game yet for Newcastle United.

The trust placed in him by Newcastle manager Allan Vest was certainly vindicated by that second half performance.

Edcock and Peter Tredennick both have improved tremendously over the season and with their changing with both hands, the last week's game in the same team as the great Bobby Charlton must be the highlight of their short career so far.

This Sunday Newcastle United faces the challenge of Western Suburbs in the Philips Cup at the International Sports Centre, and with the exception of Bobby Charlton the team should be unchallenged.

Western Suburbs, always an entertaining team to watch, should prove a stiff hurdle for the confident Newcastle outfit.

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Kelso's winner

By Bruce Waddell

Brisbane City waited virtually until the last minute of the competition to break through for a long overdue win, when they edged out Brisbane Lions 2-1 at Perry Park.

A very even first half ended scoreless, although the Lions defence, under interim coach Col Bennett, several times got into trouble by their own doing.

The aggressive pair Barry Kelso and Kevin Caldwell ran hard and with purpose and created most of the City openings.

Caldwell put City ahead from the penalty spot after his first attempt, although successful, had to be retaken because of an encroachment in the area.

Eddie Spearritt, returning as a substitute after several weeks, and with a good cross, took a deflection and the ball sneaked in under the bar, but the keeper backpedalled and shoved the ball over for a corner.

The equaliser came with 12 minutes left when Lions had two successive corners, and following the second an Amos cross was

good enough to penetrate and Alan Hughes dived into the box to head home.

Two minutes of injury time had elapsed with City producing their sensational winning goal to go out in a blaze of glory.

Coyne again made an interception, but instead of the help of Willie Connor, let a foot shot out of reach of Lewards to the far upper corner of the net.

Kelso travelled a few yards, set himself up and despatched a powerful left foot shot out of reach of Lewards to the far upper corner of the net.

There is a late look of confidence back in the City defence, with Eddie Spearritt, City import David Retcliffe, starting on his feet to slot in well alongside his always reliable partner Steve

Dawson.

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Gerry Tribuzio — Ajax, striker.



George Cross centre back Norm Maitland (right) tackles former Altona City player Con Ignatidis.

Cross was tops when was still in short p

Although it would be premature to describe Green Gully as a giant killer, the club's 5-0 triumph over George Cross earlier this season was an incredible, if not unexpected feat.

The Gully is well on the way towards establishing itself as one of Victoria's top clubs, but not so long ago it was battling in the wilderness.

In fact, George Cross was a thriving State League club before the Greens even had a senior team!

But now the ambitious St Albans Club is heading upward, and has caught up with George Cross.

With a modern ground and sporting complex, a progressive administration and ever-increasing support from the local Maltese community, Green Gully is one of the few clubs which are alive on the stagnant local scene.

Let's look back at the development of the two clubs.

George Cross came into being in 1947. The tide of post-war immigration saw soccer spring up in Australia, backed by various ethnic groups.

The Cross brought together Maltese people and soon (1948) the club was affiliated with the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Slowly, but surely the club built up and in 1953 won its first honor. That was the Third Division championship.

That success gave the club the impetus needed, and the following year it took the Second

Division championship, as well as the reserve title.

In 1955, a Maltese immigrant, Harry Moakes, found that many youngsters in the St Albans area wanted to play soccer, but had no local teams to go to.

Moakes decided he would set up a club and named it after a team he'd admired in his homeland — Ajax — which had a playing strip of green and white.

In the early years, Ajax ran only junior teams, but every year the number of players increased.

In the meantime, George Cross won the 1956 under 23 "World Cup" (a competition run locally between different ethnic groups).

In 1957, George again won the Second Division championship and reserve league, and repeated its previous success by winning the 1958 "World Cup".

It's interesting to note that while the Cross was winning the State League Cup, the Dockerty Cup and finishing runner-up in the State League in 1959, Green Gully had only two junior teams!

George Cross hit a peak in the years 1960-62, and won the Ampol Cup (runner-up once), and Dockerty Cup (runner-up once) and the State League reserve league.

In the same period, George twice finished second in the State League and twice was runner-up in the State League Cup.

It was 1962 when Green Gully first entered a senior team in local competition.

However, in 1964, George Cross achieved a feat that even Green Gully would applaud. The Cross won the Australian Cup! In the same year, George also finished runner-up in the State League and the Dockerty Cup.

1964 was fruitful for Gully as well. The club won promotion from the Fourth to the Third Division, scoring 70 goals in the process.

The Greens narrowly missed promotion in 1965 but secured a place in the Second Divi-

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Details of previous
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1977 Ampol Cup semi final:
GEORGE CROSS 1 (Segi) A.E.T.

(George Cross won 3-0 on
penalties. Scorers — Wilkinson,
Barron, Lawler) at Olympic Park.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner;
McConville, Kelly, Maitland,
Barron; Deeming (Lawler),
Wilkinson, Webb; Cullen,
Murphy, Ebin. Coach — Billy
Wilkinson.

GREEN GULLY: Borg; P.
Banagan, F. Berens, Marshall,
Cole; J. Thompson, Spiteri
(Tribuzio), M. Banagan; Segi,
Collins, Grady. Coach — Ian
Petherick.

1977 State League champion-

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Reed)
GREEN GULLY 0 at Green Gully
Reserve.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner;
McConville, Webb, Maitland,
Cutter; Murphy, Kelly, Cullen, Reed,
Barron. Coach — Segi (Kelly).
Coach — Billy Wilkinson.

GREEN GULLY: Borg; P.
Banagan, F. Berens, Donaldson,
J. Thompson; L. Thomson,
(Miller), Vassallo, McGill; Segi,
Tribuzio (Hamill), Patten. Coach
— Ian Petherick.

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GREEN GULLY 1 (Patton)
GEORGE CROSS 1 (McGill own
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GEORGE CROSS 2 (Mirak)
GREEN GULLY 0 at Green Gully
Reserve.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner;
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Barron; Walker, Murphy, Cutter,
Nirak, Reed, Paparas (Kelly).
Coach — Segi (Mirak).

GREEN GULLY: Dennis; J.
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Ode, Tribuzio, (Klein), Cook, L.
Thomson, Vassallo, McGill, Perkins
(Torner); Segi. Coach — John
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1978 State League champion-

GREEN GULLY 2 (Segi, Carr,
Perkins, Mifud own goal).

GEORGE CROSS 0 at Green Gully
Reserve.

GREEN GULLY: Dennis;
Donaldson, Patten, Cain, Klein,
McCarthy, Daniels, L. Thomson,
Segi, Perkins, Carr. Coach —
Duncan McLean.

GEORGE CROSS: Rice; Mc-
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Coach — Billy Wilkinson.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner;

Ajax v George Cross at St Albans, 3 pm, Sunday.

GREENS MAKE BID FOR CROWN HELD BY GEORGE CROSS

A victory by Green Gully Ajax over George Cross at St Albans on Sunday will give Ajax the right to challenge the Cross for the title of number one Maltese-backed soccer club in Victoria.

For many years the Gully has lived in the shadow of the mighty Cross, but it broke through with a stunning 5-0 victory this season, the first time the St. Albans club has beaten its Maltese rivals.

Will George Cross get revenge for its earlier drubbing and maintain its supremacy, or will Green Gully build on its success and snatch the crown after playing second fiddle for so long? That's the attraction of the 'Battle of St Albans'.

There's no doubt the rivalry between the fans, but the two sets of players also have a score to settle.

As State League champions, the 0-5 loss to Green Gully was humiliating for the George boys. Their form since that debacle has improved greatly, and John Sanchez has replaced Billy Wilkinson as coach. They are out to even things up.

Green Gully was aiming to finish in the top four this season. However, inconsistency cost the green and whites dearly.

But still the team's credibility is at stake. If Green Gully goes down to George Cross, the 5-0 win in round eight will look like a fluke. The Gully men think they're good enough to be in the top four, and will be out to prove it by beating George Cross.

And where do the coaches think? Unfortunately they aren't caught up in the 'big game fever' that has swept the fans.

"It's just another State League game to us," said George Cross coach John Sanchez. "Of course we want to win it, but that's what we try to do every week."

"I wasn't with the side when they got down 5-0, but I know the boys are playing much better now. They're looking forward to the game because they have something to prove."

Green Gully coach Duncan McKay expressed similar sentiments, but said his team would be going all out to win for the supporters.

"The club has been very good to the players and to me," he said, "and we'd like to thank them. But apart from that, it's another game that we want to win. We don't really look at it the same way the fans do."

"The last time we met George Cross we played very well. But it's been a strange season. I think we should have done better, but still the club has done fairly well."

I think the game will be a battle between the teamwork and unity of Green Gully, and the individual flair in the George team.

Green Gully's midfield has no main man. The success of the team in this area depends on all three midfielders — Les

Thomson, Ian McCarthy and Nigel Daniels — putting together and working as a unit. All three are honest workers and are expected to battle for the full 90 minutes.

However, George's midfield has more balance and technique about it. The general is the experienced Billy Wilkinson.

While he's knocking passes around, the solidly built Tony Castelo plays as the defensive midfielder. He's strong, and is hard to pass and is great at breaking down attacks, then pumping the ball forward.

The attacking partner in the park, the battle between Norm Maitland and Steve Carr should be just as intriguing as the Cain/Reed duel.

Maitland is definitely one of the most dependable stoppers in the league. Last time Carr faced him, it was a ding-dong battle. Carr isn't scared about the knocks he takes week after week, and will keep coming back for more, no matter what big Norm dishes out.

Andy Segi has many tricks up his sleeve and is an elusive forward. He may have too much guile for Derek Barron, the George left back.

Once again, Green Gully's main strength is the forward line's main forte. The goalscoring talles of the front men are — Segi 7, Carr 5 and Gerry Tribuzio 6. Most teams have one man who gets the bulk of the goals, but at Green Gully the workload is shared.

His marker — John Cain — faces a difficult task. But Cain is the most accomplished Gully defender and one of the best centre halves in the State. Last time he faced Reed, the George man came off second best. The duel between these two will have a big bearing on the outcome of the game.

Stan Klein, the Gully full back, has the unenviable job of trying to contain George's Robert 'Tiger' Cullen. The wee winger is in the Tommy Cummings mould: small in size, but big on speed and effort. Cullen doesn't stop pestering backmen and given anchorage, will take off with quick acceleration.

It's interesting to note that Klein did a better than average job marking Cummings when Green Gully played Essendon Croatia.

By
KYLE PATTERSON



The George Cross team that won the 1977 State League championship, standing from left: Derek Barron, Paul Murphy, Kevin Kelly (now Altona), Lou Kastner (now Keilor Austria), John Webb, Ken Reed. Front: Phil Cutajar, Robert Cullen, Billy Wilkinson, Alex McConville, Peter Ebini.



Green Gully Ajax, standing from left: Franz Berens, Stan Klein, Peter Donaldson, Gerry Tribuzio, John Cain, Lou Denys, Andy Segi. Front: Ian McCarthy, John Patten, Joe Thompson, Steve Bennie, Les Thomson, David Perkin.

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CROATIA CLINCHES TITLE

Changes work for Albion

ALBION LEYLAND 3 (Mitten 33rd min., Donaldson own goal 66th min., Grecian 68th min.)
GREEN GULLY (McCarthy 63rd min.)

ALBION: Oliver, Daperis, McCluskey, Blair, Nesbit, Davidson, Mitten, McCormack, Grecian, Campbell, O'Sullivan.

GREEN GULLY: Patterson, Gill, Donaldson (Croatia Gull), Paton, Cain, Klein, McCarthy, Daniels, L. Thomas (Tribute Gull), Sepi, Carr, Smith.

After being dogged by leg breaks for over a year, Albion got breaks of a different kind to come out of a sticky situation and beat Green Gully for their fourth win of the season.

Albion coach Billy Cree tried a number of changes in the changes, placing Neil Mitten and Bill McCormack in midfield to back up front runners Kit Grecian and Mick O'Sullivan and stand-in centre forward Frank Campbell. Cree thought that Mitten and McCormack benefited by facing play rather than having their backs to it up.

Green Gully adopted an adventurous approach from the start, playing with a three-man defence and giving John Cain a roving role, except for picking up Mitten in defensive set pieces. Cain thrived on his new role and with Bill McCormack's movement in midfield, created numerous openings for the Gully front runners. In the end, he converted, the Greens could have come home by an avalanche of goals.

Steve Carr was the main culprit. He read the game intelligently and took a lot of punishment from twin brothers Peter and Ian McCarthys and Steve Blair in performing his task but he lacked bite in his finishing although he also found Jeff O'Leary in good form in the Albion goal.

John Patten again played his heart out in Gully's defence.

For Albion, former West Australian John Davidson impressed with his movement in midfield. He fought for possession and distributed the ball well.

Oliver made some good saves and earned praise from Cree for his performance. The pickings for the side's best player was Blair. The youngster, not due to turn 17 until November, has now played 16 consecutive matches in the heart of Albion's defence.

He accepts responsibility in a manner that belies his youth.

The match itself was of immense importance to Albion in their fight to survive in the division.

Albion opened the score when, following a free kick for an infringement outside the area, the ball came to Mitten who planted it past David to give the Greens a swamped by the overjoyed team-mates.

Guly equalled through Ian McCarty with a shot from the edge of the area after he received the ball off Carr.

It was a critical time for Albion and for once they found an ounce of luck three minutes later when Peter Donaldson received the ball from Carr and lobbed over Denys for his side's third goal to make the game safe for his side. — PETER DESIRA

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ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Davidson) SUNSHINE CITY 0.

CROATIA: Banovic, Smart, Gardiner, Kokoska, Bilaver, Murphy, Kerr, Andrews, Davidson, Cumming, Vojtek.

SUNSHINE CITY: Schellert, Dixey, Ellis, Lowe, Howe, Mussel, Nierobisz, (Lang), R. Nelson, McFetridge, Pocock (Cook), D. Nelson.

Essendon Croatia has finally sealed the 1978 Rothmans State League Championship.

With three games remaining, Croatia is in an impregnable position at the top of the ladder, leading second-placed Makedonia by eight points.

The Essendon side has faltered in recent games but coach Bill McArthur defended his players and blamed the "pressure of being so close to the championship" for his team's indifferent displays.

"Everyone thinks it's easy to win championships," he said, "but players tighten up and are worried about little mistakes when they're so close to winning the title."

"I'm glad we've clinched the league and now that the pressure is off we can concentrate on getting back to our peak for the business end of the season."

Sunshine City outplayed Croatia in the first half, having a lot more scoring chances and being more determined to win the ball.

However, the turning point came in the 53rd minute, when Brian Davidson put Croatia into the lead.

Goalkeeper Peter Paton made a shot and quickly cleared the ball upfield. Davidson pressured Hugh Howe, who made an error in letting the ball bounce and the little winger was able to sneak in behind Howe and shoot the ball past John Scholten from a angle.

From then on, Croatia's game fell into place and the team pored its energy into the style of play that the team had been lacking.

Tommy Cumming was outstanding against his old team, and Howard Andrews and John Gardiner were also good.

For Sunshine, Steve Ellis and Schellert were the best.

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MAKEDONIA V RINGWOOD CITY

German coach to visit

Australian national coach Rudi Gutendorf has arranged for one of Europe's leading soccer coaching directors to visit Australia.

He is Karl-Heln-Heddergott, director of coaching for the West German Football Association.

Mix produces a winning style

The trend towards the use of Australian-produced players in our top soccer is accelerating, especially in Sydney.

This can be seen in the make-up of three of Sydney's Phillips League teams — West's St George and Marconi.

Woodhouse, Skellern, Turnbull, Rowden, Stone, Fisher (Wests) John O'Shea, Robert O'Shea, Terry, Grosse, Cox (St George), Marconi, Jankovic, Ressi, Mariani, Sharpe, Jankovic (Marconi) are all first team regulars who have developed in Australia.

Second-placed NSW State league team, Sutherland, has a first team in which every player was developed in Australia, most of them in the

local Sutherland region.

The Scottish and English influence however still remains the strongest factor affecting the game in this country.

This is especially so with the large number of British players in top sides like Hakoah and South Melbourne Hellas.

However, players, not nationalities, styles or team formations are what produce success.

West Adelaide, with its English-born target man Pillans and its aggressive Scottish midfielders McGachey, Honeyman and Boyle have found success with the British style and a Scottish coach, Jim Adam.

On the other hand, English coach Alan Vest, has not been able to achieve the same results with his English players at Newcastle.

The British skills have been controlled and refined by the thoughtful Israeli coach, Gerry Chaldi at Hakoah and

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Heddergott's coaching academy is regarded by experts as the best in the world and he will be in Australia before the end of the year.

Gutendorf, who is an old friend of Heddergott's, made the deal when

he returned to West Germany last month to wind up his affairs before taking over his new appointment in Australia.

Gutendorf is expected back in Australia mid-September.

Byrne to Germany for fee of \$15,000

Marconi is likely to sell Socceroo Gary Byrne to West German club Viktoria Cologne for \$15,000.

Marconi originally valued Byrne at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the European market, but is prepared to accept Cologne's bid.

Viktoria Cologne is currently 18th in the 20-team West German Second Division (north).

Byrne left Australia midway through the current season, to gain overseas experience.

Hellas 'not interested in broadening base'

FALLING CROWDS TROUBLE PSL

After much talk about soccer fans vanishing from Sydney this year, clouds are now also gathering in Brisbane and Melbourne and the Phillips League's management is starting to take notice of the danger signs.

Most noticeable have been the small turnout of soccer fans in the Queensland capital — especially when contrasted with the crowds of six to seven thousand claimed for some fixtures last year.

It is generally agreed that those crowds were grossly over-estimated and the installation of proper turnstiles at Perry Park this year has brought the local patriot down to earth.

Looking to Melbourne, Footscray JUST became one of the "sick men" of the PSL this year with home crowds regularly announced as around 1000.

This leads to the reasonable deduction that the actual attendance at some matches was in the hundreds.

PSL manager John Frank this week said his management committee was most concerned with attendances at the two centres and he has several explanations for the problems facing the league.

"We are very concerned about Brisbane City's position, although their poor play, getting record losses, could partly be blamed for the small home crowds," he said.

"As for Lions, they are in a special position, playing as they do virtually away from home in Brisbane."

The PSL manager explained that Lions' following is based almost completely

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believes.

"They are not selling their product to a broader base of potential support, and in addition their performance is not as good as it was earlier," he said.

Fitzroy Alexander's following is much bigger, therefore is the drop in their attendances is not of the same magnitude."

As to the suggestion that, outside the two provincial cities, the league could develop into a competition almost exclusively of Greek and Italian sponsored clubs, Frank complained of "club resistance" to broadening the basis of their general appeal.

"Look at South Melbourne," he said.

"They are on the crest of a wave, winning matches, getting big crowds and thus having the money to spend on players."

"Frankly, they are unconcerned about broadening their basis."

However, when a team is erratic in its performance the crowds inevitably shrink, even if it is a Greek-supported outfit, as in the case of Olympic in Sydney.

"The clubs ought to think very seriously about the need to recruit new supporters."

"If they won't do this of their own volition, the league will make it very clear to them next year that something must be done," the PSL manager said.

Frank mentioned as laudable examples the successes of Canberra and Newcastle, while admitting that those cities are special cases.

As provincial centres they do not offer the same range of top quality sporting and entertainment attractions as the capital cities.

Brisbane City's predilection also applies to Footscray JUST, John Frank

Attendance figures



PSL manager
John Frank

throughout the year were taken into account, as well as travel undertaken by the remaining clubs in previous rounds.

Potential crowds will also be a major factor in deciding the venues of the Top Four playoffs.

However, Frank tried to calm uneasy Sydney fans by predicting that the league will try to have a more compact action in the Harbour City.

This is reassuring, indeed, as the PSL would do otherwise at its own peril.

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However, it would be just as foolish to try to "cure" the patient with deliberate policy of neglect.

It has been noted by Sydney fans — and noted with extreme chagrin — that both quarter-finals of the Phillips Cup involving local teams are to be played away from home.



Georgio Chinaglia (left) — punched team-mate Steve Hunt. Franz Beckenbauer (right) — lost Sweeper's position to Carlos Alberto.

'Idiot'—and then a right cross!

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Just over 12 months ago the New York Cosmos' high priced talent won the North American Soccer League title, but the Cosmos suffered the same problems as a film stable of shouting and pouting egos.

With the wealthiest and most talented team in the league, the Cosmos are favorites to repeat their title victory — if they don't kill each other first.

"I have 50,000 people who can take care of the music business for me," says Ahmet Ertegun, Cosmos president and chairman of Atlantic Records, a vital Warner Communications company.

"But the soccer is driving me crazy. I have a coach who wants a certain type of player, I have a general manager who wants glamour and I have a volatile team that get angry if you get rid of anyone."

"We could spend \$8 million and buy a team that would annihilate everyone."

"But we could only kill the league. So we compromised and built a team that will only beat everyone."

Last year the Cosmos were nearly murdered each other off.

There were ugly ego clashes and power struggles in the locker room and executive suite.

Rumors were rife about new players coming in and management changes. Players were paranoid and it got worse when Clive Toye, Cosmos president, and Gordon Bradley, team coach, were sacked.

The off-field tension evidently affected the Cosmos game.

Steve Hunt, the talented 21-year-old English winger, refused to give up the ball, taking long, distracted runs and wild shots.

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Two weeks later Bradbury was sacked and after the announcement on a hot, humid day at the Giants Stadium.

Pele trembling and tears streaming down his cheeks, said: "I hope that from now on, things will be different. I hope now players go to the coach with problems."

Eddie Firmani was the new coach and there were allegations that he had been offered the job months before by his old friend, Giorgio Chinaglia.

Many Cosmos players were so angry that they refused to speak to Chinaglia.

The tensions erupted on the practice field one day.

Chinaglia messes up a pass from Steve Hunt and the English star forward called Chinaglia "stupid".

When Chinaglia messed up another pass, he called him an "idiot".

He couldn't get another word in before Chinaglia floored him with a right cross.

Firmani tried to create some harmony on the field. He was recruited as technician in winning games, not personal contests.

Some of his moves were controversial. Firmani gave the sweeper role to Carlos Alberto and put Beckenbauer in midfield.

Beckenbauer accepted the new gracefully, but was clearly uncomfortable.

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They recently lost their unbeaten 26-game home record and are struggling.

But will they get it all together again for the NASL final and win it for the second year running at the Giants Stadium — their home ground?

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Coaching by McKendrey

The Victorian director of coaching, Len McKendrey, will conduct the next session for the eastern branch of the Victorian Coaches Association at Ringwood United's ground, Wonga Park, on Monday, September 4 at 7.30 pm.

McKendrey will be assisted by staff coaches, Freddy Bunce and Fred Brooks.

The session is aimed at improving coaching techniques and advising people who want to take coaching courses under the Rothmans national coaching scheme.

Further information is available from D. Barker

VICTORIAN CUPS DRAW

The draw for preliminary and first rounds of the Victorian Winfield Cup, with scheduled dates:

Saturday, September 9 — Preliminary Round: Western Suburbs v Moreland v Monash Uni. or Brighton v Clayton; Mooroolbark v Box Hill v Collingwood City; Eltham v Coburg; Waverley or South Yarra v Werribee; Carlton v Essendon; Port Melbourne v Polonia v Springvale City; South Melbourne v Essendon City; Doncaster Rovers v Dandenong City; Waverley v Bell Park; Sandringham City v Kelor Austria; Polonia or Springvale v Fawkner; Fawkner Gully v Mornington Park.

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Saturday, September 23 — First Round: Hamlyn Rangers v Frankston Pines; Langwarrin v Boronia; Nunawading v Kew; Bentleigh v Central Altona or Balwyn; Bentleigh City or Sunbury United v Hawthorn; Williamstown v South Dandenong or Karingal; Carlton or Royal Park v Hotham; Greensborough v Rosedale or North Dandenong; Dandenong v Thomastown; Nunawading v Carlton; Geelong v

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DIVISION TWO: Carlton v Royal Park 0-1, 4-5, Melton v Thomastown 2-1-4-0, South Dandenong v Hawthorn 0-2-3-3, Kangaroo Flat 2-4-1, Bendigo City 1-2-1, 2-1, East Brunswick v Central Altars 2-3 1-1.									
DISTRICT LEAGUE:									
DIVISION ONE: South Melbourne v Maribyrnong 1-1-2, Reservoir v West Melbourne 0-0-1, Gladstone Park v Yarraville 4-0-7-0, Berwick v Hampton 2-4-2-0, Port Phillip v Pascoe Vale 2-0-2, Burnley v Notting Hill United 0-0-2-0.									
DIVISION TWO: Wattle Park v Williamston 4-0-1, Kensington United v Monash Pines 2-1-6, Reservoir v Clifton Hill 1-1-3, Rosanna 2-0-2, North Melbourne v Berwick City 2-1-3, 1, Hawthorn v Sandringham 4-1-2-0.									
DIVISION THREE: Diamond Creek v Banksia 1-3-1, 1-1, Noble Park v North Sandringham 0-3-1-2, Central Brunswick v Yarraville 4-3-4-3/0, Yarraville v Frankston 2-0-2, 2-2, North Melbourne v Berwick City 2-1-3, 1, Hawthorn v Sandringham 4-1-2-0.									
DIVISION FOUR: RMFC v Matvienko City 3-5-3, Abbotford Taxis v Central City 1-1-1, Clarinda v Balaticea 2-1-2-1, Cranbourne v Vermont 3-3-2-2, Easdale Rangers v Latrobe University 10-0-4-3.									
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE:									
DIVISION ONE: Bowater, Scott 1 Matz Hollings 1, Public Works 1' A' Pagus 3, Roman L'goods 1 RACV 3, Sperry Vickers 1, Bathurst Dyn' A' Tarax' A' W.D. & H.O. Wilts 5.									
DIVISION TWO: Colyar Watson 2 Mid Pk VIII' A' 4, Discraft 2 A&M Bank 0' Philip Morris 2 TAA 1, Slemens 1 A' Bas 1, Aster byes 2.									
DIVISION THREE EAST: Bowser 'B' 3 CDB, Bank 3, Fibre Contract 0 ACI Box Hill 2, Keeley Ltd 2, Lylest 1, Reservoir 2, Travellers 2, Colyer Hdwy byes.									
DIVISION THREE WEST: LETS 0 Cols 3, Parry, Flair 0, A.U. Haden 5, Oskar UHL 0 KSC Uhl 3, Reservoir Headley 3 AND Uhl, Taxation 'A' O.R.A. Split 'A' 10.									
DIVISION FOUR EAST: DE La Salle 'B' 0 Tessa Town 12, G. Kenyon 7, Ab Public Works 'B' 0 Ol's, Alexx Cables v Fibremakers 2-0, Raffaele Cook 2 Tarax' B' 4, Valence Cabinet 3 ESC Team 2.									
DIVISION FOUR NORTH: ANZ Bank 'B' 1 A.R. Split 'B' 3, Castlemaine D' Ash Uhl 3, SCOT 2 Thomas Cook 7, Recco Clevide 2 Midlife PR 3, Taxation 'A' Sal's 4.									
DIVISION FOUR WEST: Aquila Steel 3, Slemens, Bees 0, Gascor 3, Mid Hedges 3, Dynamos 3, Mid Pk VIII' B' Pyramid PBS 7, McKey Mackay 3 RAF Pt Cook 5, Goldies Fleec 3 Rheem 7.									
STATE LEAGUE:									
DIVISION ONE: Reservoir v Sunshine City 15, 2, 44, 9, 32, 33, Makedonska 10, 4, 37, 18, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 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Bottalico shines in overthrow of Croatia

A great 2-1 win by Apia over Croatia at Lambert Park revived the Leichhardt team's hope of making the top four in the NSW State League.

The first goal came in the tenth minute when Doyle finished off a fine solo run with a perfect pass to Terry Butler.

Butler headed to Bob Fryer who scored from two metres.

Fryer also scored the second goal in the 37th minute when he headed the ball home from close range.

Attili Abonyi scored Croatia's goal in the 55th minute when, for the first time in the match, he found himself unmarked in the penalty area from a free kick. He headed the ball home following a perfect cross from Marijan Kovacic.

Apia played to the plan of keeper Tony Kovacic, who was brilliant again, most effectively in the first half. Contributing to this was 16-year-old Jim Bottalico, who, in his first senior game, gave a polished performance.

After Abonyi's goal, Apia appeared to panic and had several narrow escapes before they settled down again to hang on.

Butler, the hardest working player on the field, was best for Apia, while Doyle and Fryer were outstanding in the first half.

NSW State League with JOHN TAYLOR

Kovacic was Croatia's best player, and Abonyi was dangerous in the second half.

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Sutherland squandered many goal-scoring opportunities and made heavy weather of their 1-0 victory over Granville at Seymour.

After a brief period early in the second half, Sutherland were on the attack but were unable to find a way through the defence of Tony Morris in the Granville goal and some sloppy forward work that prevented more goals.

Granville scored the vital goal in the 15th minute when Carlos Ortega scored with a low hard shot from a Jim Izzet pass.

Toongabbie relaxed late in the game and allowed Auburn to pull one back.

Dave Peters slammed in a fine shot from 35 metres, but the Toongabbie defence held firm as Auburn pressed for the equaliser.

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A Melita goal by Tony Ikonomou three minutes from full time in their match against Arncliffe kept the Eagles in the hunt for fourth place.

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Five minutes after the interval Parker had another chance but centre half Frank Hall saved by clearing off his line.

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Manly destroyed

Marrickville's Australian schoolboy representative Peter Katholka added bite to the Olympic attack but lacked support.

With ten minutes remaining Manly's captain Philister Joe Newsome made a break into the penalty area after receiving a lovely through ball and his shot was handballed on the line.

Bobby Geoghegan made no mistake with the penalty.

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This week's games

SATURDAY

Toongabbie v M'ville Olympic Girraween Park

Avala v Apia Mona Park

SUNDAY

Granville v M'ville Olympic Garside Park.

Arncliffe v Sutherland Barton Park.

Auburn v Monaro Mona Park.

Cronulla v Yugal Sports Ground.

Bankstown v Melita, Soccer Centre.

hands of Yugal's Andy Mandrikis.

One-half an hour later, the Rockdale players got their chance to put Yugal in front 2-1 at halftime.

Bankstown, playing without the brilliant Neil Williams, prevented the ball-playing Yugal team from scoring.

David Morahan marked danger man Tom Mihalevic right out of the game.

In the dying stages Paul Thompson scored a free kick which was headed by Dally and just grazed the Yugal bar.

But within seconds Thompson repeated the shot for David Tansey to score the equalizer.

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Monaro cemented their top four spot with a convincing 3-0 win over Avala at the Marco Polo Ground, Queenbeyan.

Goal scorers for Monaro were Tom Moroselli, Alan Bourke and Sebastian Slipper.

Monaro led one-nil at half time and were always in control.

Avala rarely looked dangerous and, in fact, had only two real shots at goal.

Monaro were without regular players Ian Cumming, John Santolla and John Morello but were still too strong in all departments for Avala.

JUNIOR STANDINGS

VICTORIA

Victorian junior standings as at August 20:

State League Colts

UNDER 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Preston	10	0	4	6	12	32
Sands. City	3	1	4	5	17	17
G. Gully	7	3	2	3	15	17
Prakas	6	2	4	17	16	14
Hokash	6	1	4	17	13	13
Juveniles	5	3	5	16	22	13
Albion	3	1	7	19	31	7
Ring. City	2	0	11	19	66	4
George X	0	0	11	8	81	6

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex	12	3	6	12	20	27
Watsons	11	4	3	26	16	21
Mossfiel	10	4	4	25	24	24
Lynsda	10	2	5	21	22	6
Dandy C	8	4	3	27	37	20
Albion	5	4	9	37	52	14
Prakas	5	2	4	26	16	6
Pratex	7	2	3	35	17	16
Knox City	5	2	3	21	37	8
Albion	6	2	5	35	24	6
G. Gully	5	2	6	33	28	6
Frankston City	5	1	8	35	20	11
Hokash	4	3	7	23	41	11
George X	3	0	10	19	50	6
Sun. City	0	0	14	13	87	0

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juveniles	10	1	5	10	25	6
Essex	10	1	5	12	20	6
Watson	9	1	6	24	20	6
Mossfiel	9	2	4	25	24	6
Lynsda	9	2	5	21	22	6
Dandy C	8	4	3	27	37	20
Albion	5	4	9	37	52	14
Prakas	5	2	4	26	16	6
Pratex	7	2	3	35	17	16
Knox City	5	2	3	21	37	8
Albion	6	2	5	35	24	6
G. Gully	6	2	6	33	28	6
Frankston City	5	1	8	35	20	11
Hokash	4	3	7	23	41	11
George X	3	0	11	27	69	6
Sun. City	0	0	11	30	73	3

UNDER 18

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essex	13	0	1	51	24	25
Watson	9	1	5	27	17	17
Mossfiel	9	2	4	25	24	24
Lynsda	9	2	5	21	22	6
Dandy C	8	4	3	27	37	20
Albion	5	4	9	37	52	14
Prakas	5	2	4	26	16	6
Pratex	7	2	3	35	17	16
Knox City	5	2	3	21	37	8
Albion	6	2	5	35	24	6
G. Gully	6	2	6	33	28	6
Frankston City	5	1	8	35	20	11
Hokash	4	3	7	23	41	11
George X	3	0	11	30	73	3

UNDER 19

	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Ess	10	0	1	50	23	28
Watson	9	1	5	27	17	17
Mossfiel	9	2	4	25	24	24
Lynsda	9	2	5	21	22	6
Dandy C	8	4	3	27	37	20
Albion	5	4	9	37	52	14
Prakas	5	2	4	26	16	6
Pratex	7	2	3	35	17	16
Knox City	5	2	3	21	37	8
Albion	6	2	5	35	24	6
G. Gully	6	2	6	33	28	6
Frankston City	5	1	8	35	20	11
Hokash	4	3	7	23	41	11
George X	3	0	11	30	73	3

UNDER 20

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Watson	10	0	1	50	23	28
Mossfiel	9	1	5	27	17	17
Lynsda	9	2	4	25	24	24
Dandy C	8	4	3	27	37	20
Albion	5	4	9	37	52	14
Prakas	5	2	4	26	16	6
Pratex	7	2	3	35	17	16
Knox City	5	2	3	21	37	8
Albion	6	2	5	35	24	6
G. Gully	6	2	6	33	28	6
Frankston City	5	1	8	35	20	11
Hokash	4	3	7	23	41	11
George X	3	0	11	30	73	3

UNDER 21

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Watson	10	0	1	50	23	28
Mossfiel	9	1	5	27	17	17
Lynsda	9	2	4	25	24	24
Dandy C	8	4	3	27	37	20
Albion	5	4	9	37	52	14
Prakas	5	2	4	26	16	6
Pratex	7	2	3	35	17	16
Knox City	5	2	3	21	37	8
Albion	6	2	5	35	24	6
G. Gully	6	2	6	33	28	6
Frankston City	5	1	8	35	20	11
Hokash	4	3	7	23	41	11
George X	3	0	11	30	73	3

UNDER 22

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Watson	10	0	1	50	23	28
Mossfiel	9	1	5	27	17	17
Lynsda	9	2	4	25	24	24
Dandy C	8	4	3	27	37	20
Albion	5	4	9	37	52	14
Prakas	5	2	4	26	16	6
Pratex	7	2	3	35	17	16
Knox City	5	2	3	21	37	8
Albion						



Coburg president Keith Upard (left) recently showed the club's oldest known former player, Ted Arrowsmith (right) around the premises at Hosken Reserve. During his visit, Ted met Coburg's two youngest players, Fabio Corocchio, 9 (left) and Lou Spies, 8. On the wall, framed for posterity, is the three-page anniversary feature on Coburg, published earlier this season by "Soccer Action."

Loughran 'returns'

Former Australian international Frank Loughran will make a "comeback" to help his club, Coburg, celebrate its 60th anniversary.

Loughran, who played with Coburg for many years, will don the club's colors once again in a friendly game between the first team and a team of former players.

The game will be Saturday, October 7, at Hosken Reserve.

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All former members and players invited to attend and renew old acquaintances.

Coburg's oldest known player, Ted Arrowsmith, was a recent visitor to the club.

He was shown around the premises by president Keith Upard and was greatly impressed.

It was during this period that Alan Cherry put Vale into the lead after a corner kick had beaten Box Hill goalkeeper Graham Morgan and a ruck of players and fallen free in the six yard box.

After the interval, Box Hill continued to push forward, and came close several times before Ray Taylor slotted the ball home.

Steve Berardini hit the bar with one shot, and was narrowly over with another, and Steve Brown was unlucky when he made good position on the far post.

For Vale, Don Lawler had a shot tipped over by Morgan and Hugh Campbell hit the bar.

Ian McLeod was starting many Box Hill attacks up the left flank and Jackie Waldey played many good passes.

Pete Kontra in the Box Hill defence was dependable as ever, and held the back four together.

POLONIA MARIBYR-NONG

2 (Poslovi 1st min), P. Czapnik 61st min) KEILOR CITY 0.

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The battle of the Springvale killers ended in a 1-1 draw, and as a result, Box Hill stay ahead of Springvale on goal average.

Box Hill and Springvale are the only two teams to have beaten Croydon City this season.

Played at Vale's Ross Reserve, Box Hill started brightly, and was on top in the first 20 minutes.

The Hillmen had more urgency and desire to win the ball after the team's recent poor displays, but still allowed Springvale to come back into the game in the last 15 minutes.

It was during this period that Alan Cherry put Vale into the lead after a corner kick had beaten Box Hill goalkeeper Graham Morgan and a ruck of players and fallen free in the six yard box.

After the interval, Box Hill continued to push forward, and came close several times before Ray Taylor slotted the ball home.

Steve Berardini hit the bar with one shot, and was narrowly over with another, and Steve Brown was unlucky when he made good position on the far post.

For Vale, Don Lawler had a shot tipped over by Morgan and Hugh Campbell hit the bar.

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Φυσικά όποι τις άρχες του Εθνικού πρωταθλήματος οι τοπικές ίδιωσης της χώρας δέν πιαν και τόσο έθεωσαν μένες όποι πήν ισέα άλλα τελευταία τα πράγματα όρκισαν νά πάρουν σοβαρό χαρακτήρα.

Οι σχέσεις των εδίνων όρκισαν νά ψυχραίνουν και ειλικρίδη δόθηκε στην αρμόδιη για ζεσταθμόν που τουλάχιστον ή ένας από τους δύο, ή Όμοσπονδια.

Αρθροί όχινε το Κύπελλο Αμπολ και ή συμμετοχή των τριών όμαδων της Βικτώριας που μετέχουν στο Εθνικό Πρωτάθλημα.

Η πρόταση έγινε όποι την Όμοσπονδια και προέβλεπε κανονική συμμετοχή των όμαδων, δηλαδή προκριματικούς άγνοντες κ.λ.π. μέχρι τόν τελικό. Όπως δηλαδή προβλέπουν οι κανονισμοί της διοργανώσεως. Θεωρόταν ότι ίσεα δέν πήν δακτηνή. Οι τρεις όμαδες θά είχαν πήν εύκαιρια νά συμπεριλάμβουν το Κύπελλο μέσα στά πλαισία της προεπιστηματικής τους για τό έπονο πρωταθλημα. Σπήν πράξη δώμας τά πράγματα είναι διαφορετικά ή τουλάχιστον έτοι πά είδουν οι όμαδες όπων σκέψην για πιθανούς τραματισμούς παικτών κ.λ.π. Ετοι άρνηθηκαν νά πάρουν μέρος στον προκριματικούς τουλάχιστον. Κάπι τέτοιος θεραίνε δέν έγινε δεκτό και έδω δικαιολογούμε την Όμοσπονδια διότι είναι ποδοσφαιρικό δάσκο μέ τις υπόλοιπες όμαδες της V.S.F. νά πάρουν μέρος στον προκριματικούς την ώρα που ή Έλλας, όποινε, θά πειριμένει νά άγωνιστε στον ήμιτελικούς.

Ετοι, ναυάγησε ή προσπάθεια της V.S.F. στο να συμπεριλάβει και όμαδες του P.S.L. στο Κύπελλο. Δέν δημορ ήμως νά περάσει έτοι τό ποσήμα και προσπάθησε νά θερει κατά πήν γνώμη μας, νά πληρώσει τό P.S.L. μέ τό ίδιο νόμιμο. Αποφάσισε λοιπόν νά μην έπιπτρεψε πήν χρονισμούποσ παικτών του Βικτώριανο πρωταθλήματος σε περίπτωση που έπιπτρεψεν στον ήμιτελικούς.

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Όσος ήνορθόδοξο κι' άν φινεται έντονο τό θέμα είναι καθαρός ήνταγωνιστικό και σέρνεται της όμιδας σε διάσταση μέ την V.S.F..

Μέ την ήπιόφαση αύτη δέν πρόκειται νά κερδίσει κανείς τίποτα. Ιωας νά γνούν κερδισμένοι οι παικτές ήν δέν διέδαια όποφασησ ή σύλλογος νά διέδαια διότι πήραν μέρος στην δύναμη της Έλλας ή ήμων σιωσιών ή της Κακαντώνη και Χριστόπουλο. Ή ήμων δέν όποφασησ κάπι τέτοιο τότε κινδυνεύει ή καριέρα των δύο νεαρών και θά είναι έγκλημα νά καταστραφει τό ταλέντο τους.

Τέτοιου είδους όποφασησ ήκανονται μόνο όριμενου είδους ήνθρωπους, ήνων τότε κατατόχρωνα κάνουν κακό σε ποδόσφαιρο.

Μέ την καθιέρωση του θεσμού της διαδικτυμείσ στό ήνθρωπον πρωτάθλημα περιμένει κανείς νά δει μία νέα ήνθρωπη στης σχέσεις του V.S.F. και των δύλων τοπικών ήμων σιωσιών που ήν ήνθρωπων στο Εθνικό πρωταθλήματος (P.S.L.) και ήνη πόλεμα μέ την κανονισμούς - ήμποδια! Η ήν δύο παρατάξεις ήκανουν νά λάβουν περισσότερα αύτη ήν πειμενένους νά κερδίσουν αύτη ήν διάσυνενοστά!

Μιά πιο ψώνισμα ήνθρωπων στην θέματος θά έδινε μία καλύτερη λύση.



These are the Stavia (Vic.) State League Colts, who are lying in third position in the under-16 ladder. Back row from left: Kurt Schroeder, Bill Diliannis, Dee Shannon, Paul Wade, Mark Schroeder, Mike Hill, David Cliff, Alex Makrikata. Front: David Floyd, Mark Jones, Damon Gatto, David Hume, Andy Golby.

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This week's hat-trick heroes:

Andrew Verini, 10, four goals (Bunyip); Mark Powdery, 8 (Young NSW); Colin Cooper, 9 (Altona); Gerard Fulham, 16, five goals (Broadmeadows); David O'Donnell, 9, (Altona Leyland); Jason Kraljich, 7 (Springvale); Shane Barwood, 8 (Springvale); Paul Schiavella, 11 (Watsonia); Andrew Pahlilina, 7, seven goals; Matthew Etil, 7 (Nunawading); Neil Wallace, 11, Adam Harrington, 11, Davi Klepac, 11 (Moorebank); H. Delbasik, 10 (Sunshine

Heights); Mario Zulli, 10, four goals (Sunshine Heights); Sammy Micewski, 10, (Altona); Damien Prescott, 11, (Croydon); Chris Fouadis, 8, Augustine Carl, 13, four goals (Croydon); Michael McRae, 18 (Polonia Adelaide); Bill Stogevski, 12, John Metaxas, 12, four goals; Jim Teeslaan, 13, five goals; Peter Bergman, 12, (Glen Waverley); Michael Goss, 13 (Collingwood City); Richard Herman, 11, five goals (Brighton); Anthony Deguara, 13, four goals (Moreland); Mark Rogan, 12, four goals (South Heidelberg); Michael Ward, 13, five goals (Nunawading); Paul Williams, 11, seven goals (Boronia); Richard Heeler, 9 (Springvale); Simon Middleton, 10, (Nunawading); Joe Novella, 10,

Cameron Orlando, 10 (Meals Park); Steve Tasios, 11 (Sth Melb Hellas); Michael McAnally, 12,

Brad Page, 12, four goals (Young NSW); Martin Collier, 10 (Dandenong); Greg Vassilakis, 12 (Springvale); France Vittiritti, 7, four goals (East Bentleigh); Angelos Papagatis, 15, seven goals (Essendon Croatia); Glen Brown, 14 (Keyborough),

Greg Kassidas, 13, five goals (Richmond); Michael Giannouli, 14, (South Melbourne); Warren Reach, 10 (Green Gully); Anthony Aiello, 11 (Dandenong); Paul Trimboli, 9, seven goals (Brighton); Justin Kaminski, 9, six goals (Churchill Utd); Warren Spink, 11 (Doveton).

Jimmy Chrysas, 15, seven goals (Sth Melb Hellas); Andrew Callegaro, 9, four goals (Box Hill);

John Giakoumakis, 11, (Sth Melb Hellas); Michael Ward, 13,

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A view from the junior ranks

BY LEIF JENSEN

'Competitive'

Well there is someone after all who has managed to find "reasons" for keeping competitive soccer going for boys under 12.

Mrs. M. Staples of Rosanna Soccer Club (Vic) writes: You ask for reasons why boys under the age of 12 should play competitive soccer. Well, just a couple are:

1. Every group of boys a ball of any shape and they will automatically divide into two sides and play against each other. Boys (and girls) are born competitive and only in adulthood does some of this wear off. They will also make up rules to their game if none already exist.

2. If we do not provide competitive soccer for boys under the age of 12 by the time we introduce our game the boys who would have been interested will have become involved with other sports — Australian Rules, hockey, baseball etc.

Also, I would like to add that the views expressed are also the views of the Rosanna Soccer Club coaches and not just my own personal views. I do mix a great deal with many of the boys from our club and believe me they know what 'FUN' is. It is playing soccer in a team and — win or lose — being part of that team.

ATTACK CUP

Lyndale United will host the Attack Cup for 1978.

Teams taking part are from

the under thirteen age group. They are Lyndale, Caulfield, Melton, Mitcham, Mulgrave and A. Keysborough and Nunawading (Vic).

The competition will be staged on the weekend of Sept. 9 and 10 at Lyndale High School sports ground.

The first round, Sept. 9, will

be on a round-robin basis.

The teams will play in two groups of four teams each. The finals will be on a straight knockout basis.

The Attack Cup is sponsored by Mr Don Boots of D.B. Sports. The winner will receive the Attack Cup plus a set of Attack jerseys.

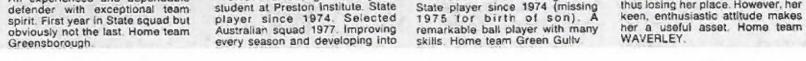
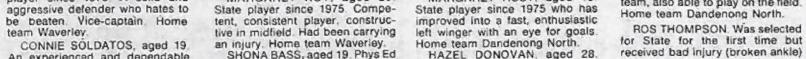
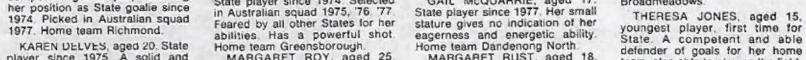
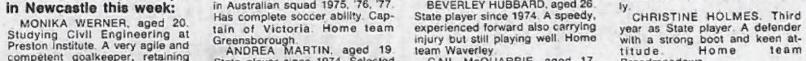
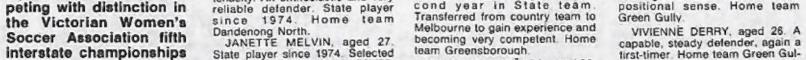
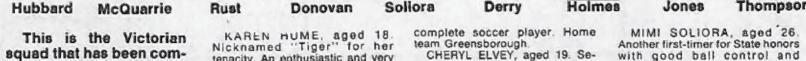
The runners-up will also receive a set of Attack jerseys.

Port's third title



Port Melbourne under-13s, standing from left: A. Giakoumakis, C. Smirkakis, A. Kotzamichalis, L. Theologou, M. Durakovic, S. Xaphiris, C. Hamakiotis. Front: P. Tsolakis, J. Palatsidis, G. Kalogerous, S. Hackett, N. Papanikolaou, M. Hamakiotis.

Talent galore in Vic. squad



Port Melbourne under-13s have won their league championship — their third in as many years.

This time, they were undefeated, scoring 62 goals to 10.

They have also reached the junior cup final against South Melbourne Hellas next month.

The team is sponsored by Oakleigh Food Wholesalers of Atherton Road, Oakleigh.

Top scorer was George Kalogerous, with 16 goals, son of coach S. Kalogerous.

Other scorers: S. Palatides, 13; N. Papanikolaou, 11; S. Hackett, 8; M. Durakovic, 5; P. Tsolakis, 4; M. Hamakiotis, 3 and A. Kotzamichalis, 2.

Port Melbourne's results this season have been:

LEAGUE: v Heidelberg — 3-2, 2-0, v Moreland — 4-0, 3-0; v Rosanna — 3-0, 6-0, v Thomastown — 4-0, 5-2, v Juventus — 2-1, 3-1, v Fawkner — 6-2, 6-0, v Greensborough — 2-0, 3-0, v Essendon City — 6-1, 4-1. Total: Scored 62 against 10.

CUP MATCHES: v Waverley — 17-1, v Nunawading — 9-1, v Dandenong City — 5-0, v Fawkner — 3-0, v Altona — 7-0. Total: Scored 41 against 2.

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Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

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COACH: Les Sheinflug.
GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
 (08) 31 1844
COLOURS: Black & White



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SPONSOR: Alitalia Airlines



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

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TRAVEL & TOURS



CONTESTANT IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST 1978

NAME: Ourania Giorgies
 AGE: 16
 PLACE OF BIRTH: Melbourne
 OCCUPATION: Student at Laker High School.
 HOBBIES: Soccer, stamp collecting, sports in general, shell collecting.
 SPONSORED BY: Andorra Lingerie 9-13 Tinning St, Bronte.
 For further enquiries about the Quest ring Mrs Polly Mazaria: 580 4983 or Mr Spyros Rembota: 499 9849 or 478 0113. Miss Alexander Quest Judging will take place November 25th at New Palais Ballroom.

SECRETARY: S. Karanikopoulos (03) 41 3048
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GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne (03) 42 0642.
COLOURS: Black & Gold
SPONSOR: Goldair Travel



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289
SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest
GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd., New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224
SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer



This week's match: v. WESTERN SUBURBS in Philips Cup at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) on Sunday at 3 p.m.



SOUTH MELBOURNE
 P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3122



General Manager: Mike Whitewood.
 (Bus.) 94 5048, 94 5462 (After Hours)
 309 4079

MANAGER/COACH: D. McLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park.
COLOURS: Blue and white.

This week's match: v. MARCONI in semi-final at Middle Park (Melbourne) on Sunday at 3 p.m.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001
SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311
 J. Adam

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh
COLOURS: Blue and white.



This week's match: v. EASTERN SUBURBS in semi-final at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) on Sunday at 3 p.m.

BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077
SECRETARY: Simon Boeqheim, (07) 372 2891
COACH: G. Vincze
GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
 (07) 52 5328

COLORS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

SPONSOR: Kentucky Fried Chicken



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra Cty 2600

SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W)
 54 1787 (L)
COACH: J. Warren.
GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: BRIAN POLLOCK Ford



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182
SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic
GROUND: Olympic Park
 or
 Schintler Reserve

SPONSOR: JAT YUGOSLAV AIRLINES



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433
COACH: R. Rasic
GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park
SPONSOR: Rosso Antico



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744
COACH: J. Vlasits.
GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale
COLOURS: White, Red & Green



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181
 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661
COACH: J. Marston
GROUND: Erskineville Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskineville
SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices

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WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672
COACH: M. Laing
GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural
COLOURS: Black & White

